ESCAPE OF TWO MURDERERS FROM ALLEGHENY COUNTY'S JAIL.

Edward and John Biddle Provided with Saws and Revolvers by the Warden's Wife.

GUARDS PUT IN A DUNGEON

ONE SHOT, ONE THROWN OVER A RAILING AND A THIRD COWED.

Prison Keys Secured, Suits of Clothing Stolen, and Then the Brothers Quietly Walked Out.

STORY TOLD BY THE WARDEN

ONE OF THE CRIMINALS.

Both Condemned for Killing a Pittsburg Suburban Grocer-One Formerly at Michigan City.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 30 .- Two notorious burglars and murderers, under sentence of death, escaped from the county jail at 4 o'clock this morning, with the aid of room with one of the children. As he en-Mrs. Soffel, wife of the prison warden. The murderers now at large are Edward and John Biddle, who killed Grocer Thomas D. Kahney at Mount Washington. They have not been apprehended.

The Biddles had been provided with saws. with which they cut the bars in their cells. HOUSE REPUBLICANS TO CONSIDER and were ready at any moment to make an opening sufficiently large to pass through. The prisoners occupied adjoining cells on the second range. They had evidently been preparing for escape for some time, and had assistance from the outside, as both were armed with revolvers.

Shortly before 4 o'clock one of the Biddles called to James McGeary, who had charge of the outside gates, and asked for some cramp medicine in a hurry, saying his brother was dangerously sick. McGeary hastened to the cell with the medicine, when John Biddle sprang through the opening in the cell, and seizing the guard around the waist hurled him over the railing to the some floor beneath, a distance of sixteen feet. Edward Biddle joined his brother immediately and both, with drawn revolvers, hurried to the first floor, where they met Guard Reynolds and shot him. There were but three men on duty and the third was on one of the upper ranges. He was ordered down at the muzzles of revolvers and the three guards were put in the daugeon. The keys were taken from Keeper McGcary and the two desperate prisoners had a clear field. The only persons who witnessed the escape were prisoners, who could not interfere or give the

The Biddles went to the wardrobe where the guards keep their clothing and each put on a new suit. They then unlocked the outside gates and passed out into Ross street. The escape was not discovered until the daylight guards came on duty at 6 o'clock. They were informed by prisoners where the night guards had been put, and they were soon released from the dungeon and sent to the Homeopathic Hos-

THE WARDEN'S STORY.

Warden Peter K. Soffel has authorized the publication of the allegation that his wife is responsible for the furnishing of the revolver and saws to the Biddles, which enabled them to escape. In her infatuation for the handsome desperado, Edward he can use his powerful influence in that Biddle, it is alleged that she has left her husband and her four children, and is supposed to have met the escaped convicts at a place agreed upon. The story of the person admitted to the jail since last Sunday. Yesterday afternoon she visited them during the warden's absence. Last evening she retired at 9 o'clock. She told her husband that she was going to visit a sistire early so she could get an early start. Watden Soffel was about the jail until about 12 o'clock. He retired to his room. which is separate from Mrs. Soffel's, shortly before I o'clock. When he awoke this morning he asked for Mrs. Soffel and was informed that she was absent. Later, when he telephoned to McDonald and was informed that Mrs. Soffel was not there.

District Attorney John C. Haymaker had a conference with Warden Soffel at noon, overcoat is also missing. It is reported attorney said an appeal would be taken. left for the West. Warden Soffel is broken- peals. hearted. He is completely unnerved and with difficulty could repress his tears. It has been known for several weeks that Mrs. Soffel was taking an interest in the Biddles, and it is said that she frequently furnished them with dainties outside the Crew Unwilling to Sail in a Ship that

HIS WIFE IS GONE. In discussing the escape later in the day pons rests upon her.

of his wife's actions: "Think of my chil- was brought from New York, but the old ing Mr. Talley chairman and Mr. Bagwell dren," he said. "Their future will be blight- crew refused to leave the ship. Being for- secretary. The rules governing former con- United Mine Workers, at the table. ed. I would rather have died than to come to this. To think that my wife, the last per- because of the immigration laws. The Buz- operators to have the chairman of the and in a blue haze that filled the hall the son in the world whom I would suspect, zard will hold an inquiry into the matter joint conference and the miners the secre- speeches were made. President Feltman should act so." Mr. Soffel has two girls, at Mayaguez te-morrow. If it is found a tary.

boys, ten and seven years old. The ruse of the Biddles was a clever one and was carried out with great success. They sawed out the bars of their cells, John cutting out three in his. Edward, being the larger man, found it necessary to cut out four. Nothing suspicious was no- Mexico to Build the Tehuantepee dominating factor in joint conferences in lie said it was an indication that capital ticed in the actions of the two prisoners nor was anything wrong discovered when the day guards went off duty yesterday afternoon. The murders evidently sawed the bars during the night, using what ap-

noise and reduce friction. The escape is as unparalleled as is their record for crime throughout this vicinity. The police all over the city are searching | ter with President Diaz and take personal | ting down to business when the convention | for the fugitives. While it is not thought supervision of the construction of the Te-they have gone far, the shrewdress of the huantepec Railway route. He has entered man and secretary will be elected and then

a hard problem to solve in their recap-

The physicians have been unable to ascertain as yet the full extent of McGeary's wounds. His head is badly contused, but there are no signs that his skull was fractured by his sixteen-foot fall. The County Commissioners met this afternoon and offered a reward of \$5,000 for the re-capture of the murderers. A meeting of the prison board to investigate their escape will be held at 3 o'clock this after-

WARDEN SOFFEL RELIEVED. The prison board began an investigation this afternoon and announced upon adjournment to-night that Warden Soffel, at his own request, had been relieved from duty pending the result of the investiga-

Deputy Warden Marshal was placed In charge temporarily. Nothing else was given out. James Francis Burke and J. D. Watson, the attorneys who defended the Biddles at the trial, and the former of whom was intrumental in securing their respite, have announced that their connection with the case is ended and Attorney Burke has telegraphed the Governor that the application for a hearing before the Pardon Board is withdrawn.

Up to a late hour to-night not the slightest clew as to the whereabouts of any of the fugitives has been discovered. A report is current that the Biddles escaped from the city along the Pittsburg & Western Railroad. Scores of people at Etna, Pine Creek and Sharpsburg claim to have seen them. Whether they caught a train is not known.

The friends of Mrs. Soffel believe that she could not have been in her right mind when she aided in the escape of the Biddles. For some years she has been an invalid and about one year ago she was sent to a sanitarium. She came back very much improved, but the long and painful illness is believed to have weakened her

Her husband devoted time and money for HIS WIFE WAS INFATUATED WITH the relief of the suffering of his wife, but it is said that she has never fully recovered her health, and at times was melan-

The Murder of Kahney.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 30.-For several months preceding the Kahney murder daring burglaries were of almost nightly occurence. The police seemed powerless to prevent them and nervous citizens retired at night in fear and trembling. On the morning of April 12, last, Mrs. Kahney was awakened by burglars and called to her husband, a cripple, who was sleeping in an adjoining (CONTINUED ON PAGE 5, COL. 6.)

REAPPORTIONMENT BILLS.

Mr. Crumpacker, of Indiana, to Make a Speech in Favor of Reducing Southern Representation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 .- Representative

Crumpacker's persistence in urging his re-

apportionment measure is at last having its

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reward. The Republicans of the House will hold a caucus next Monday for the purpose of considering all the phases of this measpacker will make a speech to his fellow Republicans. The coming of Postmaster General Payne to the Cabinet is accepted by many as an indication that something line of seeing a fair representation from the Southern States. He has been steadily in favor of such legislation. When the executive committee of the national convention held its meeting in Washington in the spring prior to the Philadelphia convention he came here prepared to urge a new basis of representation. He had canvassed the committee and claimed that he was supported by a majority of the committee. For some reason he dropped the matter. It has been generally thought he did so because of an intimation from McKinley that he thought it was better to let things go along as they were and give the South further opportunity to adjust itself under the peculiar conditions which confronted President McKinley was very desirous that his administration see an improvement of the relations between Northern and Southern States and he wanted nothing done which interfered with this, Mr. Payne, it is understood, still clings to the idea that the party should not submit to this unjust representation, and if

# AGAIN CONVICTED.

this is true, as a member of the Cabinet

## matter is brief. Mrs. Soffel was the only Jim Howard Sent to Prison for Life on His Second Trial.

o'clock the jury in the case of Jim Howard state agreement was present. They sat ter at McDonald, and that she would re- returned a verdict of guilty against the as a body on the east side of the hall, prisoner and fixed his punishment at life but many mingled with the delegates to

bours and when the first hour passed the ing between the employers and employed is said by many of them, they are willing lawyers and crowd in the courtroom began and a spirit of good feeling charcterized the details of the escape became known, to look for a hung jury. It is understood the opening session. that the only division in the jury as to the kind of verdict was over the extent of the Mine Workers, called the convention to Over Fifteen Hundred Men Enterpunishment.

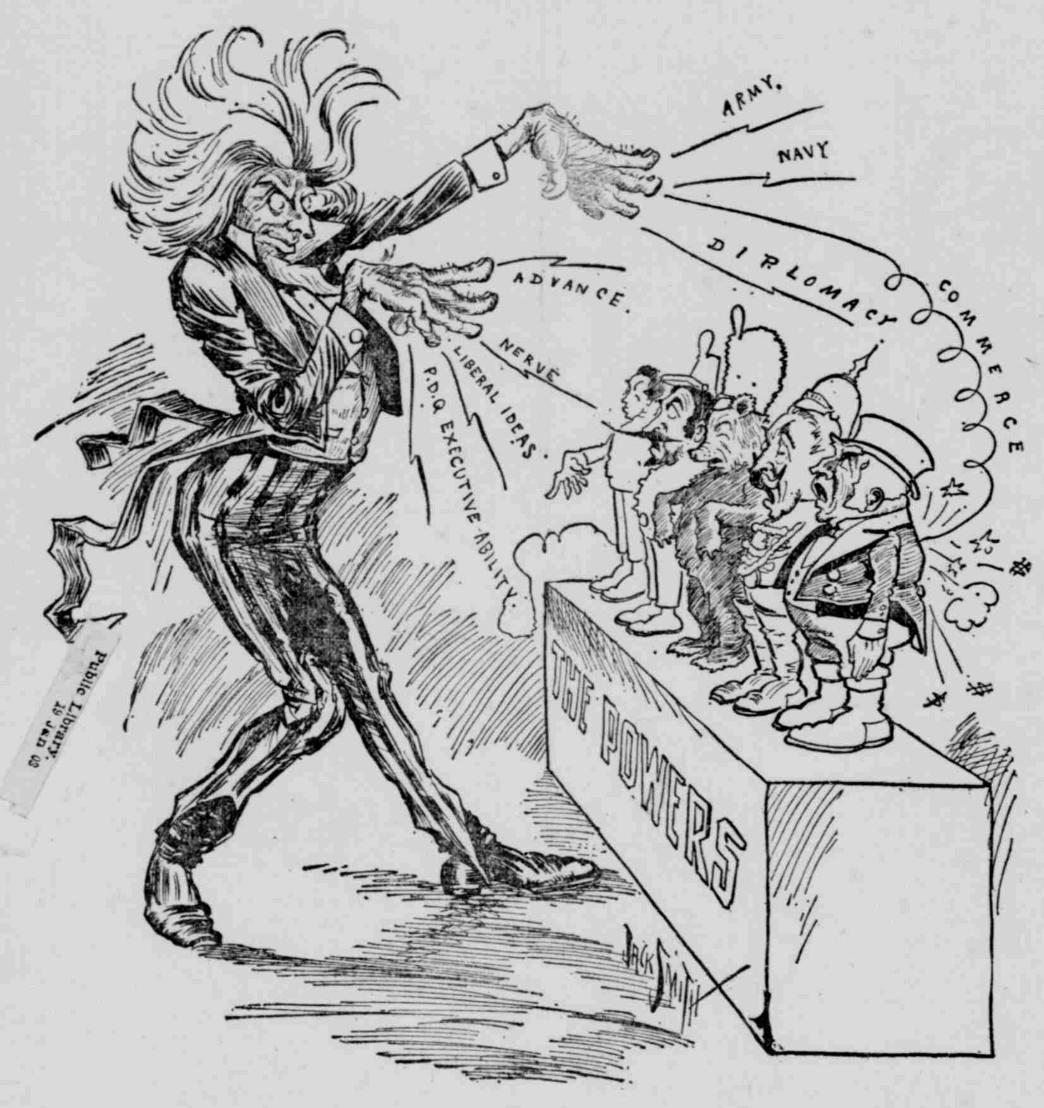
It is said that the first ballot in the jury and the warden told him of his suspicion room resulted in favor of a verdict of operator, moved that President Mitchell concerning Mrs. Soffel. The warden has guilty. The next ballot was on the ques- act as temporary chairman of the convenmade inquiries at the homes of all of his tion of punishment, and then seven jurors tion. There being no other name mentioned wife's relatives, and he has been unable | voted for life imprisonment and five for the to find any trace of her. An investigation | death sentence. One by one, those favordisclosed the fact that she had taken all ing the death penalty came over till all and rules of order were then appointed, two of her best clothes with her. The warden's twelve voted for a life sentence. Howard's representatives from each side being althat the Biddles took a train at the Fourth- This was Howard's second trial, the first lowed to each State. The districts made avenue Station of the Panhandle Railroad, one having resulted in a death sentence. A their own selections, as follows: which is within a block of the jail, and new trial was granted by the Court of Ap-

# ALLEGED MUTINY.

Is Said to Be Unsafe. Warden Soffel said: "I believe my wife British sloop of war Buzzard has arrived operators, O. A. Blackburn and George terer of this city, furnished the weapons to the Biddles and here from Barbadoes, D. W. I., and left assisted them to escape. This is an awful for Mayaguez, Porto Rico, with the British tee organized by electing Mr. Blackburn assembled, to be seated at the banquet thing, but I am only telling the whole consul to Porto Rico, W. P. Churchward, chairman and Mr. Dodds secretary. truth. My wife was not in bed when I was on board, to settle the mutiny among the awakened this morning and I have not seen crew of the British ship Ems. Captain her since. She is gone-God only knows Clough, which left Demarara Dec. 11, for district, and W. H. Taylor, of the bitumi- behalf of the Garment Makers' Union, for where. I said I would lay everything bare | New York, grounded on El Negro and put | nous district; Illinois operators, E. L. Bent | advice and assistance rendered that organiand I am doing it. This is the worst blow into Mayaguez Dec. 23, for examination. Bagwell and M. A. Lingergan; Ohio opof all, but I believe it is true. I did not Two surveys were made of the Ems; her erators, S. A. McManigal and H. B. Nye; suspect her and hence was off my guard, hull was examined, and she was found to Chio miners, William Morgan and Thomas | they did. An orchestra furnished music But she is gone and the suspicion of as- have received no damage. Her crew, how- Cairns; Pennsylvania operators, George W. sisting in the delivery by furnishing wea- ever, made up of representatives of several Schluedeberg and W. J. Phillips; Pennsylnations, refused to handle the Ems, claim- vania miners, William Little and Samuel | the feast by striking up "Hot Time." He broke down and wept when speaking ing that she was unseaworthy. A new crew Gaskill. The committee organized by electeigners they cannot be discharged here ventions were adopted, which will allow the fifteen and thirteen years of age, and two | mutiny exists on board the Ems the Buz-

## zard may attempt to remove her crew. RIVAL FOR PANAMA CANAL.

Railway with an Englishman's Aid. NEW YORK, Jan. 30 -Sir Weetman Pearson, member of Parliament and a promiturned to see who was coming and compears to have been soap to deaden the cent British contractor and promoter, ar- mented on his arrival. Mr. Robbins is a rived here to-day on the steamship Oceanic | large man, with a kindly looking counteon his way to Mexico where he will contwo criminals is such that the police have into a fifty-year partnership with the Mex- | the scale will be submitted. The operators ican government for the control and man- may make a demand for a reduction in agement of the road which will compete wages and then the miners will submit The two guards injured will probably directly with the Panama canal and which their scale. The convention will then deSVENGALI.



UNCLE SAM-"A few years ago you were mine enemies; now you are my friends, you love me; you shall think great thoughts as I think, etc."

POWERS-"Yes, we love you now."

ure from a party standpoint. Mr. Crum- OPERATORS AND MINERS HOLD THEIR FIRST MEETING.

will be done in this Congress along the The Real Battle Will Begin When Both Sides Meet in Tomlinson Hall This Morning.

BANQUET AT TOMLINSON HALL

CENTRAL LABOR UNION ENTERTAINS IN A REMARKABLE WAY.

Were Covers Laid for Over Fifteen Hundred Men-Speeches and Vaudeville Programme.

The joint conference of the bituminous coal operators of Indiana, Illinois, Ohlo and Pennsylvania, and the United Mine Workers of America convened in Tomlinson Hall at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, took the preliminary steps toward organizing the convention and then adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning, when the real business of the conference will begin. A good FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 30 .- At 11:33 representation of the operators in the interthe miners' convention. Before and after The jury had been out a little over two the meeting there was cordail handshak-

President John Mitchell, of the United order at 11:30. Walter S. Bogle, an Indiana he presided. The committees on credentials

Committee on Credentials-Indiana operators, J. C. Kolsem and Phil H. Penna; Indiana miners, James A. Hooper, of the bituminous field, and Robert Salmond, of the block coal field; Illinois operators, J. Tophan; Ohio operators, H. L. Chapman and J. H. Winder; Ohio miners, George W. Magoon: Pennsylvania miners, William operators, J. Smith Talley and A. M. Ogle; Indiana miners, Samuel Lynch, of the block and F. S. Peabody; Illinois miners, George

MR. ROBBINS'S ENTRY. There was quite a commotion in the hall when Francis L. Robbins, of Pittsburg, entered. He is the recognized leader of the Pennsylvania coal operators and is the tions through reason and peaceful methods settling the scale. The miners nudged one another as he entered and whispered movement of the operators and miners is "That's him." and even the operators an advance in the direction of establish nance, and talks freely with the miners. There will be no preliminaries before getrecover. The bullet wound sustained by road its promoters hope will receive a great cide on which proposition the conference regarded as dangerous. portion of the Mississippi valley trade.

'bluffing" in its demands, and the extent of "bluff" will not be known until th cale is settled. The scale will likely b left to a joint committee to settle, and then it will be referred to the convention for ratification. The operators are more reticent about talking of the scale than the miners. Some of them expect a long say it will not take a week to settle all differences.

The demand for an increase of 10 per cent. in wages is looked upon by the operators as an "extra" in addition to the miners' demand for a straight run-of-mine basis and ing differential. The Eastern operators state positively that they will never establish a run-of-mine basis, and the miners have declared that they will accept nothing



FRANCES L. ROBBINS. Mine Operator of Pittsburg, Pa.

else. If the miners gain other points, it to work at the same general wage scale. THE GREAT BANQUET.

# tained by Central Labor Union.

The coal operators and miners of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Pennsylvania sat down side by side last night at the largest banquet ever given in Indianapolis. The banquet was given by Central Labor Union to short time before the meeting O. M. the delegates to the joint conference and Tichenor, who had been an active candi- Nearly 200 Passengers Aboard Two ments, stock transactions, inland and forminers' convention. The entire floor space of Tomlinson Hall was taken up with twenty-four tables measuring a total length of 1,440 feet, and covers were laid for 1,550 guests. The entire Central Labor A. Agee and A. J. Mooreshead; Illinois bers, representing the seventy-eight local miners, I. N. Spainhower and William unions affiliated with the central body, served as a reception committee. The ban-SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Jan. 30 .- The Savage and William Green; Pennsylvania | quet was served by Charles Thorne, a ca-It was 10 o'clock before the guests were

table. Just before the service President Committee on Rules of Order-Indiana Feltman, of Central Labor Union, presented a large bouquet of American Beauty roses to "Mother" Jones, of the miners, on zation in settling a strike at the Louis . Meier & Co.'s overall factory. President Feltman then said, "Everybody eat," and during the evening, and during the last course of the banquet added enthusiasm to Mayor Bookwalter sat with President John Mitchell and Secretary Wilson, of the With cigars the speakers were called on behalf of Central Labor Union, wel comed the operators and miners in their joint conference and paid a tribute to the convention of miners just closed. He said the operators showed a commendable spiri

in their manner of meeting their employed once a year and adjusting working condiand labor are coming to recognize the in terests of each other and that the join ing more harmony between the once oppos Three cheers were given at the conclusion of Mr. Feltman's address and then he in troduced Mayor Bookwalter. The mayor was greeted with deafening applause, as

the miners had already become acquainted with him as a trade unionist. THE MAYOR'S WELCOME. Mayor Bookwalter said:

"The pleasant duty has been assigned to me to speak to you to-night on the subject | Secretary Whittaker will begin work at | Wood says Cuban planters will only net | perienced lawyer. He pointed out that the (CONTINUED ON PAGE 7, COL. 3.) once at headquarters in the Majestic build- 48 cents per bag of 300 pounds.

conference, lasting ten days, while others WILL SERVE AS SECRETARY OF RE-PUBLICAN COMMITTEE.

a reduction in the machine and pick-min- Oliver M. Tichenor, Who Was a Candidate. Withdrew from Race Before Vote Was Taken.

REPRESENTATION

IT IS FIXED BY THE COMMITTEE BEFORE ADJOURNMENT.

The New Secretary Will Begin Work at Committee Headquarters Without Delay.

At a meeting of the Republican State committee, held yesterday afternoon, the selection of a secretary was made and the dates for the State convention fixed. William H. Whittaker was the unanimous choice of the committee for secretary, and it was decided to hold the State convention on Wednesday and Thursday, April 23 All of the members of the committee take place at Yeguala, thirty miles from year upon tea and will make the ultimate

trict was represented. This was the Third

district, of which George W. Self is committeeman. George A. Cunningham, of Evansville, committeeman from the First district, is ill and was represented by Louis O. Rasch, of Evansville. George Lilly, committeeman from the Eighth district, was represented by Judge O. A. Marsh. Adjutant General Ward represented Thomas McCoy, of the Tenth district, and Warren Bigler was present for Adam Beck, of the Eleventh. Mr. Beck Jan. 20, and is considered the best soldier was not well and concluded not to remain for the meeting. R. B. Hanna, of Fort in place of Elmer Leonard. Walter will have five thousand men on the isth-Brown, committeeman from the Thirteenth | mus. district, was not here, but was represented by Senator T. H. Johnson. There was really only one candidate for secretary when the committee met. A date, withdrew from the race. Mr. Whittaker, the successful candidate, is a resident of Indianapolis. He was clerk at the State prison under Warden Harley, and after leaving the prison he associated himself with Mr. Harley and others in bustness in this city. He formerly lived at Union, composed of more than 200 mem- Delphi. He was prominent in the politics of Carroll county, having been county Company, with nearly two hundred per-

BASIS OF REPRESENTATION. The basis of representation at the State | for an early release were not promising at convention will be one delegate and one a late hour to-night. The tug Dickinson berths, etc. alternate delegate for each 200 votes and Dodds and Abraham Davis. The commit- called from the galleries, where they had for each additional fraction of more than ice floe. There are provisions enough for 100 votes cast for Hugh H. Hanna for presidential elector at the November election, 1900. Following is the apportionment of delegates by counties:

r	Adams 8	Lawrence1
	Allen41	Madison
	Bartholomew16	Marion
	Benton	Marshall .
t	Blackford	Martin
d.	Boone	Distanti
e:	Brown 4	Monroe
t	Carroll 13	Montgomery
Ü	Cass	Morgan
	Clark	Newton
	Clay19	Noble1
n	ClintonIS	Ohio
e	Crawford 8	Orange
= 1	Daviess16	Owen
a l	Dearborn13	Parke1
d.	Decatur11	Perry
e.	De Kalb16	Pileo
	Delaware42	Pike1
-	Delaware	Porter1
r	Dubols31	Poseyi
e	EIKBATT	Pulaski
200	Fayette	Tutnam
d	Floyd18	Randolph
1	Fountain	Ripley1
S	Franklin9	Kush t
- 1	Fulton	Scott
	Cithson	Shelby1 Spencer1
	Grant44	Spencer
1	Greene18	Starkest. Joseph4
-	Hamilton24	St. Joseph 4
t	Hancock	Steuben
S	Harrison	Sullivan
	Fiendricks	Switzerland
5 1	14 angv	Tippecanoe 3
~	Howard	Tipton
- 4	Huntington21	Union
n [	Jackson14	Vanderburg4
- 1	Jasper10	Vermillion1
- 1	Jay18	Vigo4
	Jefferson17	Wabash2
S	Jennings11	Warren1
Ë	Johnson12	Warrick
	Knox	Washington1
- 1	Kosciusko22	Warma ton
	Kosciusko	Wayne3
- 3	Lagrange12	Wells1
. 1	Lake27	White
0	Laporte24	Whitley1

## considerable part of his time here. A. C. Millikan, of New Castle, who was Chairman Hernly's private secretary, will be re-tained by Mr. Goodrich. Chairman Elliott's Plan.

ing, and Chairman Goodrich will spend a

sioners that the names of candidates on the

left of the name so that candidates may

send out notices to their friends announc-

ing their number and position on the bal-

UNITED STATES LEADS ALL.

ter than Other Nations.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 30.-The chief guest

at the annual banquet of the Merchants'

and Manufacturers' Association of this

city, held to-night at the Hotel Renner,

ambassador. The post prandial oratory

was led by the Hon. Lloyd L. Jackson,

president of the association, who congratu-

lated his hearers upon the unexampled

prosperity enjoyed by this country in the

past few years and predicted for it "the

country at this time, he declared, is a merchant marine commensurate with the

growth and importance of the Nation and

ury, made an informal address, in which

he referred to the fact that this government, after its war with Spain, which

cost \$500,000,000, had, after paying this enormous sum, a cash balance on hand of

\$46,000,000 greater than when the war was

credits of the various governments of the

world, to show that the United States led

all of them, and in conclusion bespoke the

confidence of all those present for the man who will succeed him to-morrow morn-

MR. RATHBONE'S DEFENSE

HE THINKS HIS PRIVILEGES WERE

SAME AS ARMY OFFICERS.

If Latter Furnished Residences from

Insular Funds He Thinks He Had

a Right to Do So.

Rathbone did not have such authority.

ANOTHER NAVAL FIGHT.

pected to Clash Again.

were not present, but all except one dis- here, the place where the government and reduction for the next year considerably

reported defeat of General Castro at the

Gen. Lucio Valazco has been appointed

late Gen. Carlos Alban, who was killed

It is said on good authority that within

HELD PRISONERS BY ICE.

Steamers Off Chicago.

water the big passenger steamers Iowa and

Atlanta, of the Goodrich Transportation

sons on board, have lain helpless off the

was sent out to-day to get news from the

ten days or two weeks on each vessel.

Nothing but a westerly wind will relieve

the situation. The wind is expected to

FATE OF THE CONDOR.

British Warship May Have Collided

with the Mattewan.

3, and passed through the straits within a

been exactly the same for at least twenty

WHAT CUBANS WANT.

They Can Make a Profit if Duties Be

Reduced 33 Per cent.

HAVANA, Jan. 30.-General Wood has

sugar industry in Cuba, showing that it is

miles after leaving Flattery.

and the Condor, for Honolulu, would have to take.

shift to-morrow night.

crews, but it was also imprisoned in the

CHICAGO, Jan. 30 .- Held prisoners by

On investigation it is learned that the pared.

yesterday.

in Colombia.

and has not been heard from in some time. and of which the government has no ac-

An engagement between the vessels of the count save as they are imported in large

government and the fleet of the Colombian | quantities by the importers. Continuing this

Liberals, composed of the gunboats Pa- tea tax to the first of January will give

dilla, Darien and Gaitan, probably will us six months revenue in the next fiscal

those contracted by Rathbone.

postmasters of Cuba.

the magnificance of our navy.

Chairman Elliott, of the Marion county Republican committee, will recommend to BILL THAT WILL LOP OFF SEVENTY the board of primary election commis-MILLIONS OF REVENUE.

ballot be arranged horizontally instead of vertically. It is held that this arrangement will make some of the other posi-All War Taxes, Except that on Mixed tions as desirable as the first position on the ticket. It is the plan to place the num-Flour, to Be Repealed by Conber of the candidate in a square at the

gress Before Long.

## TAX ON TEA TO BE REMOVED

Its Prosperity Greater and Credit Bet-BUT IMPORTERS TO BE GIVEN SIX

MONTHS TO REDUCE STOCK.

was Don Manuel de Aspiroz, the Mexican Chairman Payne, of the Ways and Means Committee, Instructed to Prepare a Repeal Bill.

### supremacy of the world, commercially and financially." One of the great needs of the ABOUT \$100,000,000

Secretary Lyman J. Gage, of the treas- WHILE THE CASH BALANCE OF THE TREASURY IS \$174,000,000.

inaugurated. He referred to the relative Mr. Payne's Statement of the Proposed Measure-The Taxes That Will

Be Repealed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 .- The ways and means committee, by unanimous vote, today instructed Chairman Payne to prepare a bill repealing all the war revenue taxes except the tax on mixed flour. The action taken was in the form of a resolution to the effect that the bill should provide for the repeal of the remaining war taxes, to take effect on July 1, 1902, except that the repeal of the duty on tea

should go into effect Jan. 1, 1903. The only division in the committee was on amendments proposed by Democratic members. Representative Richardson, of Tennessee, proposed an amendment to put trust-made articles on the free list. This HAVANA, Jan. 30 .- A number of minor was defeated by a party vote, as was the witnesses testified to-day at the hearing amendment of Representative Robertson, of the cases growing out of the Cuban of Louislana, to continue the tax on postal frauds, Director of Posts Fosnes "bucket shops," Representative Newlands, testified that the receipts from the sale of of Nevada, offered two amendments, one stamps had increased from \$21,00 a month | excepting from the repeal the tax on pein 1900 to \$30,000 a month in 1901. Mr. Ken- troleum and sugar refineries, and another ton, chief of one of the departments, said | imposing a tax of one-tenth of 1 per cent. that he began drawing up a system of pos- on the gross receipts of any industrial tal accounts in 1899 which had the indorse- | corporation having receipts of \$1,000,000 anment of Estes G. Rathbone and which prop- nually. Both amendments were defeated

ably would have been put into effect early by party votes. in 1900 but for the fact that it was de-Chairman Payne made the following layed because the heads of other departstatement on the proposed repeal: "The ments were investigating it. Mr. Kenton said the working of his system of actreasury now has an available cash balance counts included monthly reports from the of something over \$174,000,000. It is not The defense has introduced as a prece- likely that this will be increased materialdent for Rathbone's expenses in furnishing by during the present fiscal year, as the his house in Havana the fact that certain treasury is buying bonds at a rate that army officers, including Colonel George K. Burton, of the inspector general's departwill use up the surplus to accumulate bement, formerly in Cuba, had their official tween this and the end of the fiscal year, residences furnished from the insular June 30, next. The secretary of the treasfunds. The government contends that in all such cases the military officers re- ury's report estimated a surplus for this year of \$100,000,000, and subsequent results ferred to had authority for so doing, while seem to confirm this estimate. The com-Two volumes of the report of the Senate | mittee therefore thought it was entirely committee, containing receipts and expensafe to repeal the remainder of the war ditures in Cuba, have been filed as evidence revenue taxes, amounting to \$68,000,000, and the tax on tea of \$9,000,000, in the aggreby counsel for Rathbone. These reports contain many bills contracted by army ofgate \$77,000,000, at this time. This will still ficers for their private residences similar to leave a surplus estimated upon this year's receipts and expenses of \$22,000,000 or \$23,-000,000 for the year, while we will start upon the next fiscal year with \$174,000,000 available cash in the treasury. The committee deems it wise to have the repeal of the tax on tea take effect on the first Colombian and Rebel War Vessels Ex- of January next in order to enable those, especially retailers and small dealers who have small stocks of the duty paid goods on hand, to dispose of them before the PANAMA, Colombia, Jan. 30.-The fleet repeal takes effect. We can provide a reof the Colombian government composed of bate on the tobacco tax and guard against the gunboats Boyaca and Chuculto and the any fraud upon the revenue for the reason that the internal revenue department armed launch General Campo sailed from has this trade under close surveillance and here last night, having received orders to can and will take in account of the stock communicate with the Colombian General in the dealers' hands on the first day of Castro by all means. General Castro is on July next. But this will be impossible as the Azro peninsula, southwest of Panama, to tens, which come in as customs duties

The repeal, as stated in the bill, will afhands of the Liberals is without founda- fect the remaining special taxes imposed by the war, namely: On bankers, brokers, grain dealers, pawnmilitary commander of the District of Pan- brokers, custom house brokers, theaters, ama by the President of Colombia, Senor | museums, circuses, etc.; billiard rooms and Marroquin. General Valazco succeeds the bowling alleys, playing cards, dealers in and manufacturers of tobacco. The reduction on fermented liquor will amount to 60 cents per barrel; that on tobacco and snuff will be 3 cents, bringing Wayne, represented the Twelfth district one month the government of Colombia the rate back to 6 cents per pound as before the war. The rate on cigars and cigarrettes was changed last year, but the further change now made will bring the rates back to those existing prior to the war. The repeal under Schedule A of the law will include the tax on bonds, debentures, etc.; certificates of stock, sales, or agree-

ed to the House as soon as it can be pre-

acres of crushed ice piled high above the lickets. The repeal under Schedule B will include the tax of 1 cent per pint bottle on wine and 2 cents on bottles over a pint. The legacy tax also comes off. Other reductions include the excise taxes on persons Lakeview crib within view of Chicago and firms engaged in refining petroleum since Wednesday night, and the prospects and sugar, special tax of banks and bankers, stamp tax on parlor and sleeping car The rate on beer, now \$1.60 per barrel, will be brought down to \$1. The present tea duty is 10 cents per pound and this will be re-

cign bills of exchange, bills of lading, in-

demnifying bonds, certificates of profit,

brokers' contracts, custom house entries,

warehouse entries, steamboat passage

FAVOR STRICT EXCLUSION.

## Labor Leaders Want All Chinese Kept Out of the Country.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 .- The hearings on Chinese exclusion were continued today before the House committee on foreign SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 30.-Much inter- affairs. H. R. Fuller, in behalf of the est has been aroused in local marine circles | Brotherhood of Railroad Employes, spoke by the theory of a collision between the in favor of strict exclusion. He said the Condor and Mattewan, advanced by Cap- objection to the Chinese, from the labor tain Hasdorff, of the Cape Flattery light- standpoint, was that they come into comship. The steamers sailed form Ladysmith petition with the American workmen, the and Victoria, B. C., respectively, on Dec. Chinese having such habits of cheap life half hour of each other. The course of that they work for wages which respectathe Mattewan, bound for San Francisco, ble American workmen could not afford

Andrew Fursath, of the Seamen's Union. San Francisco, gave the extent of Chinese labor on the Pacific coast, showing that they practically monopolized the labor held in the salmon industry and were competing with American labor in eight making, tailoring and many other branches, He said the Chinese worker in these cases accepted labor so much cheaper than the white men that the former secured the work. Mr. Fursuth said the labor organizations would not be satisfied with written to certain senators at Washington any bill which did not protect American regarding the present situation of the workmen from Chinese coming from the Philippines as well as from China. Maxwell Evarts, of New York, continued impossible at the present prices and with his statement begun several days ago present duties to land sugar in the United | against the pending bill. He criticised its. States at a profit. With a 33 per cent, re- features in detail and said the measure duction of the existing duties General | showed that it was not drawn by an ex-

requirement of new registry certificates